



Great Basin Priority Summary - Based on Most Recent 209's
8/31/2020

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Evening Brief

Date: Monday August 31st, 2020

Weather Summary

Near Record Heat by Midweek thru the rest of the 7-Day Period

A cold front has passed through the Great Basin, for continued slightly cooler than normal temperatures on Tuesday except for the far south.

Beginning Wednesday a strong high pressure will build across the western Great Basin, eventually spreading north and eastward, covering the entire region in hot and dry conditions for the latter part of the week into this upcoming weekend. Temperatures could approach record levels across parts of Nevada and southwest Idaho. However, no significant lightning or wind threats are expected during this time.

Preparedness Levels & Great Basin Fire Activity (from WFDSS)

Great Basin	PL 3	Light Initial Attack Activity
National	PL 5	New Fires and Acres: 4 fires for 0.8 acres. 2,943 Large fire acre growth.

Fuels/Fire Potential

A Fuel and Fire Behavior Advisory is in Effect for Eastern Nevada, Most of Utah and the Western Arizona Strip

Fuels are most critically dry across southern Idaho, into the northern half of Utah and eastern Nevada. Other areas, such as the mountains of Central Idaho and Western Wyoming, as well as western Nevada, have had recent precipitation and cooler conditions briefly take the edge off of their previously near record dry fuels.

Light to moderate precipitation amounts are expected to further moisten fuels across eastern Idaho and Western Wyoming Monday into early Tuesday. Afterwards, a significant, long term warming and drying trend will develop, and fuels will rapidly dry, initially across the western Great Basin, but as the heat rapidly builds north and eastward, fuels will once again approach record dry levels by this coming weekend in many areas.

In the lower elevations, grasses are fully cured, and sagebrush live fuel moisture is ranging from 60-100% in most areas, correlating with extreme fire behavior.



Resources:

Aviation within the Great Basin

- 1 VLAT, 4 LATs, 1 Fire Boss, 2 CL-215
- 25 SEATs, 11 AA, 2 ASM
- 9 Type 1 Helicopters / 5 Comm.
- 10 Type 2 Helicopters / 5 Comm.
- 20 Type 3 Helicopters / 8 Comm.

Crews Committed within the Great Basin

- 10 IHCs / 1 Available
- 14 Type 2IA / 1 Available

Current Incident Details

Today's Activity (from WFDSS):

Incident Name	Unique Fire Identifier	Size	Status	Latitude	Longitude	Pt. of Origin Sage Grouse Habitat
Hooper Pond	2020-UTBRS-000853	0.1	Out 08/31/20	41.20892	112.0674	NO
Sharp	2020-NVELD-040165	0.3	Not Contained	39.934333	114.4445	GHMA
Checkerboard	2020-UTZIP-000770	0.1	Out 08/31/20	37.22254	112.8784	NO
Axtell RD	2020-UTRID-200558	0.3	Controlled 08/31/20	39.02025	111.8046	NO

* Fires occurred previous night, not today

For additional information go to: [Great Basin Coordination Center Web Site](#)